

the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds are being held hostage by the Clinton-Gore administration.

It has been 36 days since Congress proposed locking away Social Security and Medicare surpluses and dedicating 90 percent of the total surplus to paying off the public debt; and still no response from President Clinton and Vice President AL GORE.

There is a good reason they have not responded. They want to overspend.

President Clinton has threatened to veto seven appropriations bills because he claims they do not spend enough. Vice President GORE's budget proposal spends the entire surplus and raids the Social Security Trust Fund.

The President and Vice President should put debt reduction and protection of Social Security and Medicare ahead of spending and support the 90-10 debt reduction plan proposed by the Republican Congress.

REMEMBERING CHERONE LOUIS GUNN, KILLED ON U.S.S. "COLE"

(Mr. COLLINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, on October 12, a terrorist bomb left, not only a hole in the side of the U.S.S. *Cole*, but a hole in the lives of families and friends of the 17 sailors killed by the blast. This is especially true of friends and family of 23-year-old Signalman Seaman Recruit Cherone Louis Gunn.

Seaman Gunn's life was marked by service to family, friends, community and Nation. His neighbors in Rex, Georgia remember him for always being available to help the local youth.

His passion to serve his community fueled his ambition to serve in law enforcement.

His desire to serve his Nation was expressed by his decision to follow his father's footsteps and join the Navy, where he would gain valuable experience which would help him enter law enforcement upon the end of his tour of duty.

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Mr. Speaker, Cheron Louis Gunn always sought to serve his country, knowing the risk inherent in the military and in law enforcement. Yet he did not shrink from making his commitment.

I wish to offer my condolences to the Gunn family. It may be inadequate consolation, but it is important to remember that Seaman Gunn serves as a bright example of the qualities of honor and self-sacrifice which inspire the men and women of our Armed Forces.

CORRECTING ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 2348, AUTHORIZING BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TO PROVIDE COST SHARING FOR ENDANGERED FISH RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS FOR UPPER COLORADO

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 151) to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill, H.R. 2348, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BLILEY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oregon?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate concurrent resolution, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 151

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 2348) entitled "An Act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins," the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following correction:

Strike section 4 and insert:

"SEC. 4. EFFECT ON RECLAMATION LAW.

"Specifically with regard to the acreage limitation provisions of Federal reclamation law, any action taken pursuant to or in furtherance of this title will not—

"(1) be considered in determining whether a district as defined in section 202(2) of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390bb) has discharged its obligation to repay the construction cost of project facilities used to make irrigation water available for delivery to land in the district;

"(2) serve as the basis for reinstating acreage limitation provisions in a district that has completed payment of its construction obligations; or

"(3) serve as the basis for increasing the construction repayment obligation of the district and thereby extending the period during which the acreage limitation provisions will apply."

The Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 5308, FIVE NATIONS CITIZENS LAND REFORM ACT OF 2000

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill (H.R. 5308) to amend laws relating to the lands of the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek), Seminole, Cherokee, Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, historically referred to as the Five Civilized Tribes, and for other purposes, the Clerk be authorized to make the following correction that I have placed at the desk.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. WALDEN of Oregon:

At the end of section 403, add the following new paragraph:

"(2) OTHER CONSTRUCTION NOT VALID.—Nothing in this subsection is intended to or shall be construed to create, affect, or imply the existence or nonexistence of authority of any federally recognized Indian tribe over—

"(A) any other federally recognized Indian tribe;

"(B) the members of any other federally recognized Indian tribe; or

"(C) any land in which any other federally recognized Indian tribe or any member of any other federally recognized Indian tribe has or is determined by the Secretary or a court of competent jurisdiction to have any interest."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oregon?

There was no objection.

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE EQUITABLE COMPENSATION ACT

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when proceedings resume on the unfinished business of the motion to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 964) to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes, as amended, that the amendment be deemed to include the corrections that I have placed at the desk.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. WALDEN of Oregon:

Strike Title IV of the bill and insert instead—

"TITLE IV—CONVEYANCE OF KINIKLIK VILLAGE

"SEC. 401. CONVEYANCE OF KINIKLIK VILLAGE.

"(a) That portion of the property identified in United States Survey Number 628, Tract A, containing 0.34 acres and Tract B containing 0.63 acres located in Section 26, Township 9 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian, containing 0.97 acres, more or less, and further described as Tracts A and B Russian Creek Church Mission Reserve according to U.S. Survey 628 shall be offered for a period of one year for sale by quitclaim deed from the United States by and through the Forest Service to Chugach Alaska Corporation under the following terms:

"(1) Chugach Alaska Corporation shall pay consideration in the amount of \$9,000.00;

"(2) In order to protect the historic values for which the Forest Service acquired the land, Chugach Alaska Corporation shall agree to and the conveyance shall contain the same reservations required by 43 CFR §§2653.5(a) and 2653.11(b) for protection of historic and cemetery sites conveyed to a Regional Corporation pursuant to section 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

"(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Forest Service shall deposit the proceeds from the sale to the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund established by Public Law 102-154 and may be expended without further appropriation in accordance with Public Law 102-229."

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous